TOWN OF OAKHAM



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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

The Board of Selectmen is the Issuing Authority for the cable television license the Town of Oakham has with Charter Communications. We are pleased to say that Charter's continued investment in its cable system has benefited our citizens. Over the past ten years, Charter has regularly increased the speed for its Internet service. As chairman of the Board of Selectmen, I am writing to offer our support for the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks.

In the fall of 2014, Charter upgraded its cable system in the town of Oakham to all-digital. In doing so, the company increased the number of HD channels it offers to more than 200 and doubled the speed of its standard Internet service to 60 Mbps.

The New Charter has promised to maintain and expand the most attractive features of each of the three companies. We are interested in the expansion of such things as a low-cost broadband service for low income residents and wifi hotspots in public areas, which the other companies offer today. I also think customers who now live in Time Warner and Bright House service areas will appreciate the responsiveness of Charter and their industry-leading Internet speeds.

We urge you and your fellow commissioners to approve the merger because we think it will improve the choices that consumers have today.

Regards,

Matthew Broderick

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen